

Durdham Down. Bristol,  
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My dear W Garrison,

From our friend W R. D. Webb I learn that you are arrived in London; and I lose no time after obtaining your address in writing to offer you my affectionate, grateful, rejoicing welcome.

You need no verbal assurance I am persuaded, of the intense joy with which I hail you

fourth(?)

visit to Europe with the great  
purpose of your life achieved!

My heart has been with  
you thro' every step of the

progress from John Brown's  
martyrdom unto the final

triumph, never doubting

for one moment, thro' that

bloody strife, - which you

for 25 years had been trying

to avert - that the righteous

Northern Cause would gain

the victory. And now

some of us are permitted to

meet you again in the  
flesh, while many who  
clasped hands with you  
before, are joining the  
solemn thanksgiving  
from a higher sphere.

In this neighborhood  
the choicest spirits who  
cherished & loved you in 1846  
have all passed on - W<sup>m</sup> Norris,  
W<sup>m</sup> Armstrong, my Father  
& a host of others. But  
there are a few <sup>friends</sup> remaining,  
and if you will come to us

we will make you feel that  
for us you have not lived in vain.  
Mr. Amstutz & I are especially  
anxious to receive you once  
more into our homes, <sup>where</sup>  
they are; & if Mr. Willard &  
your son will trust themselves  
with you <sup>ing</sup> to our care, we  
will show them our local  
attractions, & prove to them  
that they are not come to a  
land of strangers. My own  
abode is very small, but it is  
pleasantly situated & I should  
not fear asking you all three  
to accept of its accommodations  
if no competitors deprived me  
of the privilege and joy of having  
you with me.

Mr Webb & I had hoped to  
meet you on your landing  
at Liverpool. I had just  
sent off a letter to him ap-  
pointing <sup>the</sup> rendez-vous <sup>to</sup>. <sup>the</sup>  
(was it not).  
The Cuba's arrival at Wellington  
was announced - two days before  
we expected & we could not  
catch you! If I were not  
unfortunately disabled at this  
moment by hooping-cough  
from travelling I should have  
started for London to see you,  
instead of sitting here writing  
this greeting. But I fear it

will prevent my being with  
you at St-James's Hall on  
Saturday, tho' that hope is hard  
to relinquish. You will  
let me hear perhaps whether  
we may look forward to a visit  
from you? If your plans are  
already fixed, & the West of  
England is excluded, I must  
take some steps to secure  
seeing you elsewhere. But  
I will not anticipate this  
alternative.

A few days ago I had an

affectionate letter from  
Mrs Harriet Martineau in  
which she says "I hope you will  
see Garrison - I cannot, - dare  
not - she is aware that it is  
impossible." Mrs M. W. Chapman  
writes in her usual joyous strain  
about "the Cause" & seems greatly  
pleased at her daughter's  
engagement.

You are doubtless overwhelmed  
with occupations and letters  
but I will not apologize for  
this addition to them,  
Even with grateful regard remain  
Yours Mary A. Estlin.

